

## U. S. Can Hold Lead in A-Arms Square Dance Race Until 1960, Chiefs Decide

### Uncertain What Will Happen in Russia After That

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WASHINGTON — United States military chiefs have decided that this country holds a sound lead over Russia in the atomic arms race and can maintain it until 1960. They are not at all sure what will happen after that.

As a result, informants said today, the timing of ways to prolong this country's superiority in design and production of nuclear weapons, including long-range rocket missiles, has become a major project.

The White House, the State and Defense departments and other government agencies are at work on it.

A report recently completed for President Eisenhower by Dr. James R. Killian Jr., president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now in the hands of Eisenhower's scientific advisers. The President himself will study it later. It is concerned with "methods of mobilizing the nation's scientific resources for use in the event of an emergency."

While no part of the top-secret document has been made public, it is understood that it deals with the whole field of research and weapons. It ranges from the problem of Russia's increasing turnout of young scientists and engineers

to maintaining the lead in producing intercontinental missiles.

At the present time a kind of atomic stalemate already exists between the world's two greatest powers.

What the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Eisenhower's leading scientific advisers are reported to fear most is the possibility that sometime by or after 1960, the Soviets might develop a new weapon which would give them for a time a clear advantage over the United States. This would break the stalemate and upset the balance of power.

The President and the National Security Council are understood to believe now that a spectacular Soviet gain in weapons would not necessarily be used by Russia's present leaders to start a military conflict. They could very well use it as the basis of a much tougher and more threatening foreign policy, however.

With the coming of fall, square dance clubs of Salem are beginning their activities for the season.

The YMCA opened a class for beginners last Wednesday night and is open to anyone who is interested in learning to square dance. This class is under the direction of Clyde Charters, well known Willamette valley caller and dance instructor. A social square dance group also meets at the Y every Wednesday evening.

Charters will emcee the opening dance of the Gateswingers Thursday night of this week at Washington school from 8 to 10:30. He will conduct and instruct this group through the coming season.

The eleven largest U.S. steel companies have increased their production capacity by 48 per cent since 1928, but the other companies in U.S. production have increased their production capacity by 85 per cent in the same period.

### George Eyre Services Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held at Santa Barbara, Calif., Thursday for George Eyre, 17, former Salem resident, who drowned in a swimming pool there Monday. The services will be held at the First Congregational Church at 3 o'clock.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eyre and the family moved five years ago from Salem to Santa Barbara.

### Lutheran Meeting

MOLALLA — Lutheran Laymen's League hosted a meeting of Columbia zone Laymen's League here Friday evening, with about 65 attending. Rev. Karl J. Durdal of Grace Lutheran church, Molalla, opened the meeting and George Nichols, Oregon City, president, was in charge of the business meeting. Mr. Moore, assisted by George Bunke, district fire warden of Clackamas-Marion Fire Patrol Association, showed a film on forest conservation.

## Revised Draft Regulations May Put Younger Men Into Uniform

WASHINGTON — The government is considering a change in draft regulations aimed at getting younger men into uniform.

The proposed change is prompted by the rising average age of draftees — now up to about 23 — and is coupled with the administration's new military reserve program.

Officials said the proposed changes, designed to be more "lenient" with older draft-age men, are being circulated among interested agencies for review and comment. They said they did not expect early action.

At present, the practice is to draft from the top down — that is, to take the oldest men first in the eligible 18½-26 age group.

However, a selective service official said that as things now stand, the average draftee will be about 25 when he finishes his two-year hitch and moves into the

ready reserve. This is only a year under what this official said is the age at which most men reach their peak of military efficiency.

"We want younger men than the reserve," he continued. "We want men who can serve in the ready reserve several years before they reach 26."

"What we are trying to do is to get younger men into the service," the official explained. "Already some local draft boards are looking at the older men among the registrants more leniently and proposed regulation changes are designed to allow the local boards to be more lenient with the older men."

"It is hoped that local boards will be more lenient in regard to the requirements for deferment on grounds of hardship and essentiality."

"We are trying especially to find a formula to help in the scientific field."

### NOTES ON THE NEWS



"All the Americans we meet are Senators. Who does the work in your country?"

### New Policy in Marine Corps

Under a new policy announced recently by the Marine Corps, young men between the ages of 17 and 18½ years, and single with no dependents, may take six months of active duty training and seven and one-half years participation in an organized Marine Corps Reserve unit.

This program is in addition to the six-year program, which requires two years of active duty service.

No person in this program, who is in high school and remains in good standing, may be ordered to active duty for training until after graduation or until he reaches the age of 20 years, whichever occurs first.

Personnel enlisted in this program will be draft deferred as long as they serve satisfactorily in the reserve program prescribed.

The reserve forces act of 1955 also provides that personnel leaving employment with the federal government or a private employer to perform the six months active duty training are granted re-employment rights.

### Promotion to E. E. Johnston

Emory E. Johnston, district maintenance superintendent at Redmond since 1941, is being promoted to maintenance office engineer in Salem, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, announced Wednesday.

The position, Baldock said, involves responsibility as assistant to Maintenance Engineer E. A. Collier, for coordination and operation of all maintenance crews throughout the state.

Johnson graduated in civil engineering from Oregon State College in 1926, and joined the highway department in the same year. He served as transitman, draftsman and resident engineer prior to moving to his job in Redmond. He replaces L. R. Chandler, who has been promoted to the position of assistant division engineer at Roseburg.

### Salem Exchange Club Hears Vern McMullen

Vern McMullen, member of both Salem's and Marion County's planning commission and who serves as liaison between the two, was guest speaker at the Salem Exchange Club meeting Wednesday noon at the Marion Hotel.

McMullen outlined the principal function of the two groups and gave a resume of what the commissions have done in the past, what they are doing at present and what they are going to do in the future to cope with the continual growth of Salem.

### Frank Lockman Quits Springfield Position

Frank Lockman, formerly of Salem, and for the last nine months manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Springfield, has resigned that position.

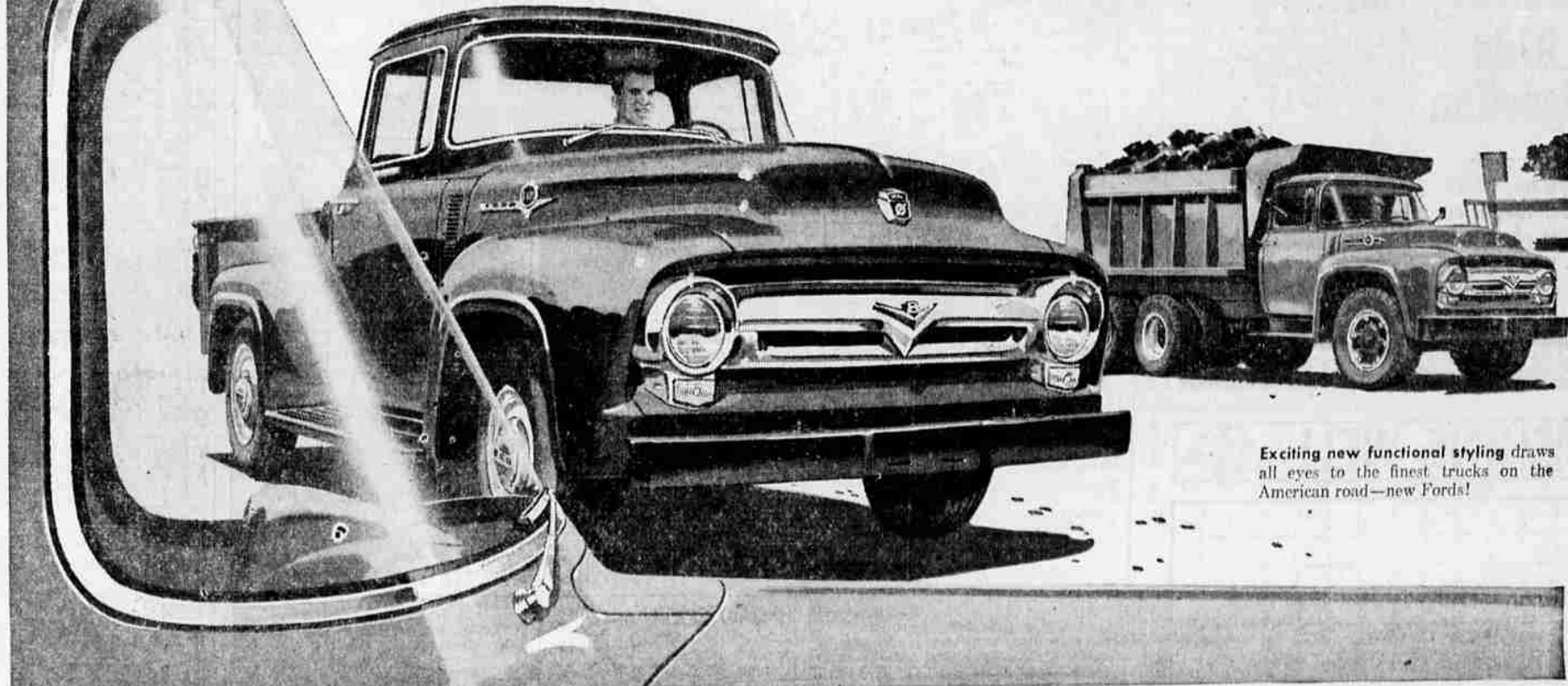
The resignation is effective October 15. It is reported that Lockman will remain in the Eugene-Springfield district and may return to private business.

In Salem Lockman, Willamette University graduate, was in the real estate business for some time and also operated a popular speech and personality school.



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